

--- 15 Pounds - "Montreal" Division - Black Consumption Stamps - 106 x 48 mm. - 1874-1883 ---

[Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002]

"In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehouse (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

1st BABN Contract (1868-1873)	John McKay reports that 54,000 copies of "15 lb., S. M. R. Black" were delivered. Prior to 1874 these would be "Division Open".
2nd BABN Contract (1873-1878)	John McKay reports that 20,000 copies of "15 lb., Black Tobacco" were delivered. I calculate that 5,000 Division Open, 5,000 were for "Montreal" and 10,000 were for the "Toronto" Division.
3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay reports that 16,800 copies of "15 lb., Black, Montreal" were delivered. These were the <i>J. L. Vincent</i> stamps.

--- The "theoretical" control number range on the 10 pound black Montreal Division stamps ---

RM-102 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, on block wmkd thick wove - <i>Dunbar Browne</i>	- 00001 to 10000
RM-104 - RM-102 stamped <i>J. L. Vincent / Coll.</i>	- 06208 from the above
RM-105 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, on block wmkd thick wove - <i>J. L. Vincent</i>	- 10001 to ?????
RM-197 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, on block wmkd thick wove, with XXXI VICT. CAP. VIII removed - <i>J. L. Vincent</i>	- ????? to 26800
RM-102 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, late usage of - <i>Dunbar Browne</i>	- 26801 to 28800

--- The "actual" control number range on the 10 pound black Montreal stamps - as recorded to date ---

RM-102 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, on block wmkd wove - <i>Dunbar Browne</i>	- no numbered copy
RM-104 - RM-102 stamped <i>J. L. Vincent / Acting Coll.</i>	- 06208 a single copy
RM-105 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, on block wmkd wove - <i>J. L. Vincent</i>	- no numbered copy
RM-197 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, on block wmkd wove, with XXXI VICT. CAP. VIII removed - <i>J. L. Vincent</i>	- 14007 to 19311
RM-102 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, on block wmkd wove - <i>Dunbar Browne</i>	- 28171 a single copy

It is difficult to account for the control number **28171** on Dr. Covert's copy of **RM-102**. If 12,000 copies were originally printed, and only 10,000 received control numbering before *Dunbar Browne* was removed from office on January 31st 1879, it is possible that the remaining 2,000 copies of **RM-102** were control numbered for use early in 1883, when Caddy and Boxes stamps were in the process of being discontinued - and thus are 'tail-end-Charlie's', with control numbering higher than that found on the 1880 *J. L. Vincent* stamps.

--- 15 Pounds - Montreal Division - Black Consumption Caddy stamps - 106 x 48 mm. - 1874-1883 ---

--- printed on *block watermarked thick wove* - with 5 mm. blue control numbers - design 106 x 48 mm ---

--- perforated 12 - scanned at 100% scale - inscribed *Dunbar Browne, Coll. Int^d Rev.* ---

The catalogue lists the fifteen pound “Montreal” Division “Series of 1874” black consumption stamp as follows:

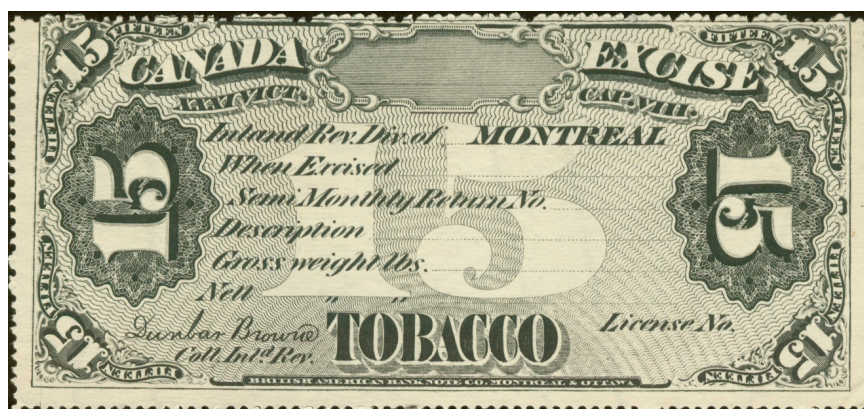
RM-102 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh thick wove, with 5 mm. controls,
inscribed *Dunbar Browne / Coll. Int^d Rev.*

RM-104 - RM-102 stamped *J. L. Vincent / Coll.*

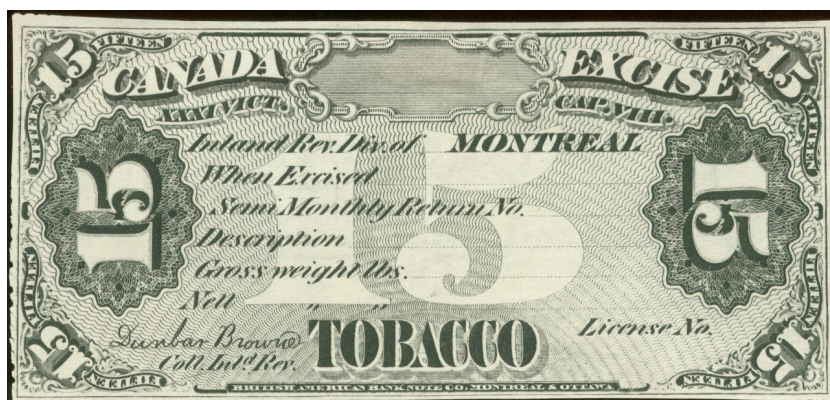
Chris Ryan’s research indicates that *Dunbar Browne* was removed from office on January 31st 1879, and was replaced by *J.L. Vincent* on April 30th 1879.

The collection *does not contain* a control-numbered copy of **RM-102**, the *block watermarked* black fifteen pound Montreal Division consumption stamp recess printed on thick wove and inscribed *Dunbar Browne / Coll. Int^d Rev.*

--- printed on *block watermarked thick wove* - *without control numbering* ---



★**RM-102n** - 15 pounds, black, Montreal division, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, without control numbering



★**RM-102n** - 15 pounds, black, Montreal division, perf 12 (clipped), on *block wmkd* thick wove, without control numbering

--- **RM-104** - RM-102 stamped *J. L. Vincent / Coll.* in black ink ---

I *do not know* where the following stamp originated. Perhaps it came from *Fritz Angst* - or from eBay.

06208

RM-104

15 pounds, Montreal, black, perf 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove paper,
stamped *J. L. Vincent / Coll.* in black ink

--- 15 Pounds - Montreal Division - Black Consumption Caddy stamps - (1880-1883) ---

--- on *block watermarked* thick wove - with 5 mm. controls - with “XXXI VICT ---- CAP. VIII” blanked out ---

--- perforated 12 - 106 x 48 mm. design - scanned at 100% scale - inscribed *J. L. Vincent / Coll. Int^l Rev.* ---

Chris Ryan, “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 40, of December 2002

“Passage of the 1880 Statute affected the *large* tobacco stamps in significant ways. The first effect was the deletion of the reference on the stamps to the previous Statute XXXI VICTORIA ---- CHAPTER VIII. On July 1st 1880, BABN was instructed by the Revenue Department to remove all reference to the old statute from the existing plates.”

The catalogue lists this 1880 fifteen pound “Montreal” Division black consumption stamp as follows:

RM-197 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal, perf 12, on *block wmkd* horizontal mesh thick wove, with 5 mm. controls, inscribed *J.L. Vincent / Coll. Int^l Rev.* with XXXI VICT ---- CAP. VIII blanked



★ **RM-197** - 15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. control **14051**, inscribed *J.L. Vincent / Coll. Int^l Rev.* - with XXXI VICT. ---- CAP. VIII removed

14007	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
14018	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
14051★	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
14056	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
14092	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
14093	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
14099-00	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove,
02-03	RM-197	a block of four
14128	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
14132	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
14136	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
14138	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove

The following remainders seem to be from a different Area Collector - perhaps Montreal Division 2

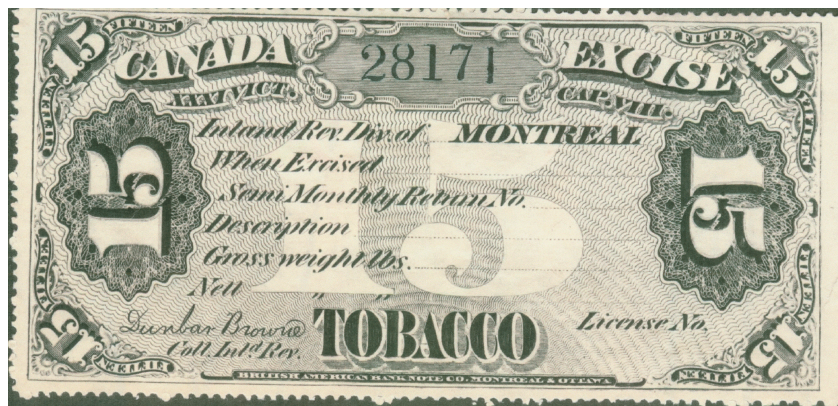
19228	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19230	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19252	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19257	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19274	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19278	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19291	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19296-99	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, block wmkd - a vertical pair
19297-00	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, block wmkd - a vertical pair
19303★	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove

19306	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19308★	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19310	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove
19311	RM-197	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, on block wmkd horizontal mesh wove

This following scan is from the collection of Dr. Earle Covert. The control **28171**, as noted below, presents a problem.

It is difficult to account for the control number on Dr. Covert's copy of **RM-102**. If 12,000 copies of RM-102 were originally printed, and only 10,000 received control numbering before *Dunbar Browne* was removed from office on January 31st 1879, it is possible that the remaining 2,000 copies of **RM-102** were control numbered for use early in 1883, when Caddy and Boxes stamps were in the process of being discontinued - and thus are 'tail-end-Charlie's', with control numbering higher than that found on the 1880 *J. L. Vincent* stamps. Although possible, I find this to be highly improbable.

I have speculated for some time about the initial Montreal control numbers having been run in the "Division Open" control sequence. When the "Division Specific" stamps were being introduced in 1874, there was no previous guideline in regard to following a new control sequence for the "Division Specific" stamps (Montreal was the first of these printed). This control number anomaly is also found in the sequence used on the long black 1874 Montreal cigar strips.



RM-102 - 15 pounds, black, Montreal division, perforated 12, on *block wmkd* thick wove, with 5 mm. control **28171**
from the collection of Dr. Earle Covert

28171	RM-102	15 pounds, black, Montreal Division, perforated 12, on block wmkd thick wove
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